

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 495

By Freeman

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Dr. Jeffrey Upperman,
President of the Surgical Infection Society.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we should acknowledge and applaud those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have proven themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Dr. Jeffrey Upperman, who has been named president of the Surgical Infection Society (SIS), a station most befitting his many years of dedication and excellence in the medical profession and his community; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the SIS is to educate healthcare providers and the public about infection in surgical patients and to promote research in the understanding, prevention, and management of surgical infections, and as president of the SIS, Dr. Upperman will serve a three-year term as president-elect, president, and past president; and

WHEREAS, with significant expertise in surgical infections, trauma, emergency, and pandemic preparedness, Dr. Upperman currently serves with acumen and alacrity as surgeon-in-chief and chair of the Department of Pediatric Surgery at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, in which positions he has earned the respect of his colleagues and patients alike; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt is Middle Tennessee's only ACS-verified Level I pediatric trauma center; the hospital is committed to providing the highest-quality care for sick and injured pediatric patients throughout Tennessee, as well as Alabama and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Upperman received a bachelor's degree in human biology and a master's degree in sociology from Stanford University; he earned a medical degree from New

Jersey Medical School and completed an internship and a residency at University Hospital in New Jersey. Additionally, he completed a fellowship in pediatric surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and skilled leader, Dr. Upperman is a retired lieutenant colonel of the United States Army Reserve Medical Corps, where he served as Chief of Surgery at the forward operating base in Abu Ghraib during Operation Iraqi Freedom II in 2004; and

WHEREAS, among his many other professional service activities, he has served as a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the American Red Cross and the Institutes of Medicine panel on Prepositioning Antibiotics for Anthrax, a permanent member of the pediatrics study section in the Eunice Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development, and a board member and a secretary of the Pediatric Trauma Society; he has served as a councilor-at-large for SIS since 2017, and he currently serves as a representative of the American College of Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, appointed by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Upperman is a member of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters; he also serves as a governor of the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors, and he has been a member of the disaster committee for the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Upperman was a junior faculty award winner of the Surgical Infection Society Research Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, a tremendous asset to his community and his profession, Dr. Jeffrey Upperman truly epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized for his many accomplishments and devoted service to the patients of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Dr. Jeffrey Upperman, newly elected president of the Surgical Infection Society, commend him for his selfless service to his fellow citizens, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.